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ACTION EA-10

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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3464

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 2653

FOLLOWING BIEN HOA TEL SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON;

INFO DAO SGN MAR 11 BEING REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, VS

SUBJ: ROCKET ATTACK ON BIEN HOA

IN FIRST ROCKET ATTACK SINCE JAN 28, 30 122MM ROCKETS STRUCK
BIEN HOA BETWEEN 0500 AND 0600 MAR 11, WITH EITHER 22 OR 24
IMPACTING ON THE BASE (FIRST REPORTS VARY), ONE NEAR MR3 HQ,
AND THE BALANCE IN CIVILIAN AREAS WEST OF THE AIR BASE. THE
MOST SERIOUS DAMAGE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO WAREHOUSE NO. 4
ON THE AIR BASE, WHICH CONTAINED UNIFORMS AND TIRES, AND HAVING
TAKEN A DIRECT HIT IS STILL BURNING AND IS ALREADY BEING COUNTED
A 100 PERCENT LOSS. CIVILIAN AREAS STRUCK WERE TAN HIEP AND TAN
PHUONG HAMLETS, THE BIEM HOA MENTAL HOSPITAL, AND THE TAN HIEP
CORRECTIONAL CENTER (NATIONAL PRISON), ALL WITHIN A 2 KM AREA
WEST OF THE BASE. PRELIMINARY REPORTS SHOW MILITARY CASUALTIES
AS 3 WIA (ONE AT THE AIRH-SDN 2 AT MR3 HQ) AND CIVILIAN CAS-
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UALTIES OF 3 KIA AND 10 WIA. THESE CASUALTIES INCLUDED TAMPHIEP

NI1#WIA, TAN PHUONG 2 KIA AND 5 WIA, MENTAL HOSPITAL 1 WIA, AND
NATIONAL PRISON 1 KIA AND 3 WIA.

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